

# FEW GRAY HAIR



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**Director's Notes...** When I was younger, the arrival of August almost seemed to signal the end of summer. The days are not as long, the nights are a little cooler (mercifully) and the stores are already filled with fall fashions and back to school items. But August still holds many delights for us to enjoy. Even if the neighborhood woodchuck mowed down the peas in the garden, fresh vegetables are plentiful at the local farm stands. The lawn doesn't need to be mowed quite as often but the scent of freshly cut hay fills the back roads nearby. Thankfully, the temperatures are still warm enough to justify a stop for ice cream at the end of the day. Last

August, my husband and I had driven up walk. At low tide, the beach was quiet sunset and the sound of an incoming tide. traveling back roads and avoiding the village center, we saw a band concert service organization was selling hotdogs, We hopped out of our car, bought hotdogs



to a New Hampshire beach for an evening with only a few other walkers enjoying the Leaving the beach, we headed home highway. As we drove through a small underway on the town's common. A local drinks and watermelon! Perfect timing! with the works and sat on a park bench

listening to the very good band while children danced on the lawn and groups of friends sat chatting and laughing. The stars came out and we pulled on sweatshirts as the band finished their concert with everyone joined in song for very nice renditions of "America the Beautiful" and "The Star Spangled Banner." It was just a lovely August evening and, yes, there was still time for ice cream on the way home! As the summer winds down, join us Wednesday August 26 for an end of the summer celebration with our friends "The Over the Hill Band." Hot dogs and plenty of fun are already on the menu!



### Crosby's Marketplace Sponsors Men's Breakfast

Reflecting true community partnership, Crosby's Marketplace will sponsor the COA's monthly Men's Breakfast program again this year. Now in its eighth year of sponsorship, Crosby's Marketplace has allowed us to increase our monthly program with additional participation. On an average we serve 16 men per month, with as many as 20 joining us in recent months! In the past fiscal year, we served a total of 154 men. Breakfasts include a variety of speakers and a home-cooked meal. The COA thanks Crosby's Marketplace for their sponsorship and encourages all men to join us for good food and fun each month. For more information, please call the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

### Elder Services To Administrate Merrimack Valley Nutrition Program

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley (ESMV) is excited to announce that they are the new administrator of the former Merrimack Valley Nutrition Program (MVNP). With the change in administration, Lindley Food Service has been selected as the caterer for the program. Seeking to keep the previous program as whole as possible, ESMV has welcomed MVNP staff members and volunteers to join the program. Along with long standing employees and volunteers, Nutrition Director Derek Anderson has been hired to oversee the program. ESMV's focus is to provide great meals to elders through Lindley, supporting the staff to deliver excellent customer service and assisting our consumers with their needs! If you have any questions or concerns please, call ESMV at 1-800-892-0890 and ask for the Nutrition Program Staff.

### August Activities

ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

### CALL US AT 978-352-5726.

#### AUGUST VAN SCHEDULE 2015

<b>Shopping Date</b>	Location	<b>Recreation Date</b>	Location
Aug. 4	NO VAN – Brown Bag Only	Aug. 6 9:30	Super Walmart/Salem, NH
Aug. 11 9:30	Rowley	Aug. 13 10:30	Mann's Orchard/Target/Methuen
Aug. 18 9:30	Plaistow, NH	Aug. 20 10:30	Haverhill
Aug. 25 9:30	Newburyport	Aug. 27 10:30	Seabrook, NH

#### JOIN US MONDAY – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS from

9-10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church for cards and cribbage games! Hot coffee and snacks are a great way to reconnect with friends!

SHINE OFFICE HOURS: Mon. Aug. 3, 9-11 a.m. Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

SHINE Counselor Jerry Goldberg will be here to answer health insurance questions. APPOINTMENTS MUST BE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE COA OFFICE. If you cannot come to the scheduled hours, the COA can contact our SHINE counselor to make other arrangements for you. To schedule an appointment, call (978) 352-5726.

# <u>VISITING NURSE:</u> Wed. Aug. 5 10 – 11 a.m. First Congregational Church

Public Health Nurse **Pam Lara** provides blood pressure checks, heart assessments, & medication information & discusses any medical concerns seniors have. Barbara Muse, R.N., a visiting nurse, is also available for Trestle Way residents in their Community Building on the first Wednesday of each month from 12 - 2 p.m.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST: Thurs. August 6, 9:30 a.m. Trestle Way

**GFD Chief Al Beardsley will be speaking. The Chief will be retiring at the end of August.** With great appreciation, the COA thanks Crosby's Markets for their sponsorship & the Georgetown Housing Authority for their partnership in offering the monthly program. **To make reservations, call 978-352-5726.** Next breakfast: Thurs. Sept. 3. Speaker to be announced.

### **Local Legislators' Office Hours**

The following legislators, or their representatives, will be on hand at **Town Hall** 2nd Floor Conference Room to meet with constituents to answer questions, hear comments or provide assistance. The public is welcome. For more information, contact the COA at 978-352-5726.

Rep. Lenny Mirra: For Date/Time Call: (617) 722-2130 Sen. Bruce Tarr: No Office Hours in August.

Email:

Leonard.Mirra@MAhouse.gov

**ZENTANGLE BOOKMARKS:** Tues. August 11, 9:30 a.m. First Congregational Church See pg. 3 for details.



(978) 352-5726.

## **AUG. BIRTHDAY:** Tues. Aug. 18, 11:30 First Congregational Church

Join us as we send best wishes to our friends who were born in August. Birthday celebrants will receive a free lunch (everyone else is \$2). Lunch reservations are required. **RSVP before 8/12/15 to assist with planning.** To make reservations, please call the COA office at

OVER THE HILL BAND: Wed. August 26, 10 a.m. First Congregational Church See pg. 3 for details.

Free Legal Help offered by Atty. Elaine Dalton

Tues. Aug. 25, 10 a.m. at First Congregational Church

Assistance available for: \*Health Care Proxies, \*Durable Power of Attorney, \*elder law issues

\*15 min. appts. available by calling COA at 978-352-5726



Dick Boucher & Al Miller are members of the Over the Hill Band. Join us on August 26 for their concert.



### **Health & Wellness Classes**

Yoga classes are held at First Congregational Church.
Strength Training Classes are held at Trestle Way.
Newcomers & beginners welcome.

There is a Suggested Donation of \$3.00 per class.

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Is on summer hiatus. Check back in the fall for scheduling details.



Class	Meets on	Time
Yoga (Bring a mat or towel)	Mondays	10:30 a.m.
	Wednesdays	9:00 a.m.
Strength Training	Tuesdays	12:30 p.m.
_	Thursday	10:45 a.m.

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Georgetown			Trestle Way	
Senior	Center	40	Community Room	
Every Monday at noon	Cost: \$1.00/card covers up to 10 Games	Free Space	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month at 1:00 p.m.	Cost: 50⊄ & 75⊄ per game.
For more (978) 352-		33	Contact: GHA (978) 352-6331	
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# Over the Hill Band

To perform

Wed. August 26 10 a.m.

First Congregational Church

So put on your cowboy boots, brush off your 2-step and saddle up the pony. Join us for a morning of fun, music and a big YEEEE-HAWWW!

Light refreshments will be served.

Make a day of it and stay for lunch featuring Beans & Franks and watermelon, too! (Reservations required.)

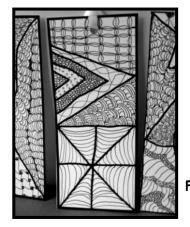




To assist with planning, please call the COA at 978-352-5726.

This program is supported by a grant from the Georgetown Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

<u>Please note:</u> When attending any class or program scheduled at Trestle Way, please be mindful to park in non-resident parking only.



# Zentangle Bookmarks

Tues. Aug. 11 9:30 a.m. First Congregational Church

The Zentangle Method lets you create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It is:

- ☆ easy-to-learn,
- ☆ relaxing & fun
- ☆ simple, portable & inexpensive

#### Zentangle can:

- ζ increase your focus,
- ζ help you relax,
- ζ inspire your creativity
- ζ And anyone can do it!

RSVP before August 5. Space is limited. Call the COA at 978-352-5726.

Coming in September:

### ESMV's Annual Farm-to-Table Tasting

This event will be held at Tattersall Farm on Thurs. Sept.  $10^{th}$  at 2:00 pm. It is free of charge, but space is limited. RSVP <u>required</u> by September 8, 2015 to Justin Jordan at (978) 946-1279.

### **Senior Farmer's Market Coupon Distribution**

Summer is here, and that means there's plenty of fresh produce available at Farmer's Markets across the Merrimack Valley! Good nutrition is important throughout our lives, and helps to promote healthy living and healthy aging. The Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program offers a limited supply of \$25 coupons to adults aged 60 and older who meet certain income guidelines, to buy produce at their nearby Farmer's Market. The coupons are available through Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley's Nutrition Program and distributed by Senior Centers in: Billerica, Dracut, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Methuen and Newburyport. If you live in a city/town that does not have a distribution site, you can go to any one of the seven distribution sites, as long as you live in the Merrimack Valley. However, if you live in one of the seven cities with a distribution site, you MUST get your coupons from the city/town where you live. This year, all Farmer's Market coupons will be distributed on Wednesday Aug. 5. The coupons will be available on first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. in Haverhill and 9 a.m. in Newburyport. All you need to bring is proof of where you live such as a phone bill or electric bill that includes your name and address. You will also need to sign a statement that says you are 60 years of age or older, live in the Merrimack Valley and that your income is no higher than one of these levels:

**1 Person Household:** \$21,774.50/year or \$1,814.54/month

**2 Person Household:** \$29,470.50/year or \$2,455.88/month

**3 Person Household:** \$37,166.55/year or \$3,097.21/month

**4 Person Household:** \$44,862.50/year or \$3,738.54/month

**5 Person Household:** \$52,558.50/year or \$4,379.88/month

**6 Person Household:** \$60,254.50/year or \$5,021.21/month



### COA Friends Fundraiser: Another Way to Help the Friends of the COA

You, your family, & friends have a chance to benefit the Friends of the Georgetown COA by doing something most people do every day: search the internet! By using <a href="https://www.goodsearch.com">www.goodsearch.com</a>, a penny is donated per search using our charity name. The power of a penny is that they add up with a small investment of time! Go to the goodsearch website; choose your charity (Friends of the Georgetown COA) at top right; perform the search. Please consider this inexpensive, but very useful way for us to raise money for the benefit of the Georgetown COA. If you have questions, please contact Beverly: by email (bevknapp@verizon.net) or phone (978-352-8526).



# Farmer's Market Scheduled at Nunan's

Nunan's Florist & Greenhouses will be hosting the Farmer's Market on Thursdays through Oct. 15 from 2:30

- 6 p.m. rain or shine. For more information, contact Linda: (978) 352-8172 or <u>linda@nunans.com</u>. (This market <u>IS</u> a participant in the Senior Farmer's Market Coupon program.)



### **Free Fun Fridays**

Museums/Cultural Events Free To the Public August Schedule

**Aug. 7:** Boston Harbor Islands Nat'l Park, The Greenway Carousel, The Old State House, Concord Museum, Worcester Historical Museum, Springfield Historical Museum, Springfield Museums, Hancock Shaker Village

**Aug. 14:** JFK Presidential Library/Museum, USS Constitution Museum, Cape Cod Children's Museum, Fuller Craft Museum, Children's Museum/Greater Fall River, Historic Deerfield, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Ctr.

**Aug. 21:** Franklin Park Zoo, The Freedom Trail Foundation, Museum of African American History, Discovery Museums, Buttonwood Park Zoo, Emily Dickenson Museum, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

**Aug. 28:** Old Sturbridge Village, Plimoth Plantation, Clark Art Institute, Mass MOCA, Ecotarium, Griffin Photography Museum, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History

Fun Fridays are sponsored by Highland Street, Boston Globe & WCVB5. For more information, contact Highland Street at HIGHLANDSTREET.ORG or call 617-969-8900.

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### Music at Eden's Edge Summer Series

Music at Eden's Edge Senior/Family Series: free summer concerts at the North Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 323 Locust Street, Danvers. NSUUC offers ample parking, shade and is fully handicapped accessible. Guests are always invited to stay for refreshments and conversations with the artists following the concerts. It is an enjoyable time for all – and it is all still *free!* 

Concert dates are on Tuesdays as follows: **August 18**: **Whims of Fate** (strings & piano/Boccherini, Martinu, Rachmaninoff, & Elgar), and **September 15**: **Across the Centuries** (Music from 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries for baroque quartet.).

**SCAM ALERT!** Georgetown Police Dept. is warning residents of a recent scam in town claiming to be from either the Light Department or National Grid. "Failure to pay your bill now will get you shut off." **This is a scam**, DO NOT give them a prepaid card number. Please just hang up.

### Council on Aging Services

For information on any of the following services, contact the COA at (978) 352-5726.

#### TRANSPORTATION/SHOPPING:

The Van is available Tuesdays & Thursdays for door-to-door for shopping and errands. Reservations should be made at least two days in advance by calling the COA office at (978) 352-5726. Please check the Van Schedule for this month's days and destinations. A small donation is suggested to help with program expenses.

### TRANSPORTATION/MEDICAL:

#### **Northern Essex Elder Transport, Inc.**

This program provides rides for elders to medical appointments. Arrangements should be made at least <u>THREE</u> days in advance of the appointment by calling the Council on Aging office at (978) 352-5726. If the office is closed, please leave a message (and remember that we are not open on Fridays). After the ride is arranged, the <u>DRIVER</u> will call you the day before the ride. A donation of 43 cents per mile is suggested to help support the program. However, no one is turned down due to inability to pay. Please remember: Reservations must be made through the Council office and clients should not be calling the drivers directly.

### RING & RIDE: Medical, Shopping & General Purpose Transportation

Ring & Ride is a free shared van service available to Georgetown residents. It requires 24 hour notice for reservations made through MVRTA (978-469-6878, option #3). The van can be used for any purpose including medical and shopping in Amesbury, Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill, Groveland, Newburyport, Lawrence, Methuen, Newbury, North Andover, West Newbury, Rowley Train Station & Market Basket. For a brochure, contact the COA.

#### **HANDICAP PLACARDS**

Are you in need of a HANDICAP placard for your car? The Council on Aging has applications available from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Available to eligible seniors by calling Elder Services of Merrimack Valley at 1-800-892-0890.

### **Congregate Meals**

The Senior Center offers nutritious lunches Monday-Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Please make reservations at least three business days in advance by calling the COA or in person at the Center.

### **FOOD AND HEAT RESOURCES**

For more information, contact the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

#### **VISITING NURSE**

On the first Wednesday of each month, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Pam Lara, RN is available at the Senior Center to perform Blood Pressure checks, etc. Trestle Way residents may also visit with the nurse in the Community Building on the first Wednesday of each month, noon-2:00 PM.

### S.H.I.N.E.

<u>Serving Health Information Needs of Elders will help you understand your health insurance concerns.</u> Appointments can be scheduled with SHINE counselor Jerry Goldberg at the Senior Center on the first Monday of each month.

### **EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM**

COA has medical equipment (Walkers, Canes, Wheelchairs, Bath Seats, etc.) for long- or short-term lending.

### **FILE OF LIFE & YELLOW DOT PROGRAMS**

Both programs provide a health history document to be used by emergency personnel in case of illness or injury. One is for your home, the other for your car.

#### **HEALTH CARE PROXIES**

COA has fact sheets and Health Care Proxy forms available upon request.

**THE FILE** A handy folder which serves as a summary of record of Financial Information, Investments & Insurance, Legal Documents & Estate Management information.

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Georgetown Council on Aging Memorial Town Hall 1 Library Street Georgetown, MA 01833

### Return Service Requested

We strive to keep our mailing list up-todate. Please let us know if you would prefer not to receive the newsletter or if the addressee is no longer at this address.



Georgetown Council on Aging 1 Library Street Georgetown, MA 01833 (978) 352-5726

**Office Hours:** 

Monday – Thurs. 8 am - 4 pm

Georgetown COA Meal Site @ 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church Andover St. ~ Georgetown, MA (978) 352-8443

Open:

Monday – Wed. 9 am – noon

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

C.O.A. board meetings are open to the public. They are held at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the **First Congregational Church Andover Street, Georgetown** 

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday August 25, 2015

### **Georgetown Council on Aging:**

**Director:** Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello **Office:** Julie Pasquale, Newsletter
Kirsten Klueber, Outreach
Dave Hall, Van Driver
Jeannine DesJardins, Volunteer

**Meal Site Coordinator:** Mickie Locke **Board Members:** 

Jeannine DesJardins, Chair Claire Maimone, Vice Chair Susan Gardiner, Treasurer Jean Perley, Secretary/Clerk Corona Magner, Esther Palardy, Diane Prescott, Nancy Thompson, Caroline Sheehan, Ann Stewart-alternate, Dick Boucher-alternate

### **Town of Georgetown:**

Michael Farrell, Town Administrator Philip Trapani, Chair, Board of Selectmen Douglas Dawes, Board of Selectmen Stuart Egenberg, Board of Selectmen Gary Fowler, Board of Selectmen David Surface, Board of Selectmen

Georgetown COA Webpage is located on the town's official website www.georgetownma.gov.

**Council on Aging Mission Statement:** The main objectives of the Georgetown Council on Aging are to advocate on behalf of older adults, to identify their needs, to develop and implement services to meet their health, economic, social and cultural needs, to encourage maximum independence and to improve their quality of life.

**Inclement Weather Policy:** The Georgetown Council on Aging and Senior Center will be open for business in inclement weather unless all Georgetown town offices are closed. If the Georgetown Public Schools are closed, there will be no van rides or NEET rides, and all COA activities/programs will be cancelled. If the Merrimack Valley Nutrition Project is closed, there will be no lunches served at the COA Meal Site located at the First Congregational Church.

### August Menu - Make reservations 3 days in advance. Call (978) 352-5726.

Lunch is served Monday through Wednesday at the First Congregational Church at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$2.00.

Congregate meals are made possible in part by funding from the Older Americans Act as granted by Elder Services of the M. Valley Nutritional information regarding meals is available upon request by calling the COA office at (978) 352-5726.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	
3 Chix Marsala/Pasta, Garlic Green Beans,	4 Tuna/Pasta Salad, Cucumber Salad,	5 Penne/Meatballs/Tomato Sauce, Peas,	
Natural Grain Bread, Raisin/Rice Pudding	Spinach Salad/Mandarin Oranges, Roll, Fruit	Carrots, Oatmeal Bread, Ch. Chip Cookie	
10 Pork Diane, Broccoli, Oatmeal Bread,	11 Meat Lasagna/Marinara, Sautéed	12 Beef Chili, Carrots, Honey Wheat Roll,	
Mashed Turnip/Carrots, Sliced Peaches	Spinach, Garlic Roll, Fruit	Oatmeal Cookie	
17 Chs Ravioli/Marinara, Garlic Gr Beans,	18 Egg Salad/Lettuce/Wh Wh Pita, English	19 Brunswick Stew, Deluxe Bean Medley,	
Carrots, Oatmeal Bread, Raisin Bran Bar	Pea Salad, Fruit	Biscuit, Chocolate Cookie	
24 Shepherd's Pie, Peas/Carrots, Wh Wh	25 Sweet/Sour Chix Breast/Pineapple, Roll,	26 LS Hot Dog/Wh Wh Roll, Vegetarian	
Bread, Sliced Pears	Scalloped Pot, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Fruit	Baked Beans, Chef Blend Veg, Watermelon	
31 Beef Burgundy, Mash Red Bliss Pot, Mixed Veg, Fruit, Flax Seed Bread			

August 2 is *National Ice Cream Sandwich Day*. Celebrate with this cool and decadent treat:

Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert serves: 12

**Ingredients:** 22 ice cream sandwiches  $\sim 1$  (16 oz.) container Cool Whip  $\sim 1$  (12 oz.) jar caramel ice cream topping  $\sim 1\frac{1}{2}$  c. salted peanuts

**Directions:** Cut one ice cream sandwich in ½. Place one whole and one ½ sandwich along a short side of a high-sided 13x9 casserole dish. Repeat until bottom is covered, alternating the whole & ½ sandwiches. Spread with ½ of Cool Whip. Pour (all) caramel on top. Sprinkle with ½ peanuts. Repeat layers with remaining ice cream sandwiches, Cool Whip, & peanuts. The pan will be full. Cover & freeze for up to 2 months. Remove from freezer 20 minutes before serving. Cut into squares.

AUGUST VAN & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
<b>3</b> 9:00 SHINE appts.	4 No Shopping Van-	<b>5</b> 9:00 Yoga	6 9:30 Mens' Breakfast/TW	
9:30 Dolls	Brown Bag	10:00 Visiting Nurse	9:30 VAN: Walmart/Salem NH	
10:30 Yoga	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	10:45 Strength Training	
11:30 Lunch	12:30 Strength Training			
12:00 Bingo				
<b>10</b> 9:30 Dolls	11 9: 30 Van: Rowley	12	13	
10:30 Yoga	9:30 Zentangle Bookmarks	9:00 Yoga	10:30 VAN: Mann's Orchard	
11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	& Target/Methuen	
12:00 Bingo	12:30 Strength Training		10:45 Strength Training	
<b>17</b> 9:30 Dolls	<b>18</b> 9: 30 Van: Plaistow, NH	19	20	
10:30 Yoga	11:30 Birthday Lunch	9:00 Yoga	10:30 VAN: Haverhill	
11:30 Lunch	12:30 Strength Training	11:30 Lunch	10:45 Strength Training	
12:00 Bingo				
<b>24</b> 9:30 Dolls	25 9:30 Van: Newburyport	26	27	
10:30 Yoga	10:00 Free Legal Help by appt	9:00 Yoga	10:30 VAN: Seabrook, NH	
11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	10:00 Over the Hill Band	10:45 Strength Training	
12:00 Bingo	12:00 COA Board Meeting	11:30 Lunch		
	12:30 Strength Training			
<b>31</b> 9:30 Dolls	Sept. 1 No Shopping Van-	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	
10:30 Yoga	Brown Bag	9:00 Yoga	9:30 Mens' Breakfast/TW	
11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	10:00 Visiting Nurse	9:30 VAN: Walmart/Salem NH	
12:00 Bingo	12:30 Strength Training	11:30 Lunch	10:45 Strength Training	

**Van Trips:** The cost is \$2.00 roundtrip. The pick-up time for Tuesday shopping trips, as well as the monthly Thursday trip to Super Walmart in Salem, NH, is 9:30 a.m. The pick-up time for all other Thurs. trips is 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Please confirm pick-up times when you call. Make your reservations ASAP by calling the COA at (978) 352-5726.